

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 25, 2002
1647 E. Morten, Training Room**

Members Present: Dr. Michel Sucher (Chairman), Taylor Payson, Mark Venuti, Dave Samuels, Dr. Kay Lewis, Jan Hauk, Bob Ramsey, Scott Butler, Ed Neville, Dr. Peter Vann, Mark Stroh, Sgt. Richard Thacher, Jerry Stein, J. Marty Dernier, Dr. Michael Ward, Dr. Daniel Spaite, Rick Barte, Gary Bradbury, Patty Seneski, and Roy Ryals

Members Absent: Marilyn Price, Dr. Robert Vavrick, Pat Andrews, Therese Williamson-Dunn, Charlie Smith, David Cheney, and Gitti Silven

BEMS Staff Present: Judi Crume, Victor Dominguez, Larry Heidenberg, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, Gerald Ollier, Dona Marie Markley, Lorenzo Henry, Chuck Kramer, Pennie Klein, Peggy Lahren and Betty Yunick

Guests Present: Rick Southey, Dr. John Gallagher, James Heskett, Brian Smith, Bill Miller, Terry Mason, Stephen Powles, Paul Coe, Sandra Leggard, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Janine Anderson, Dr. Toni Brophy, Jim Roeder, and Carey Pleasant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Dr. Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Mark Venuti to approve the agenda for October 25, 2002 and the minutes of June 21, 2002 with no corrections.

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Danny Valenzuela, Deputy Director, Department of Health Services, addressed the Council:

- A Director's Update was handed out
- There have been several budget reductions in the last fiscal year
- The forensic unit at the State Hospital has 10 million dollars in renovations that are on hold
- The dedication of the State Hospital was held last week
- The Department of Health Services is currently at a 20% vacancy rate
- Approximately 15 employees from Assurance and Licensure have been reassigned
- Near the State Capitol there is construction of a five story parking garage being built for the Arizona Department of Health Services

- All the rent that is being paid for buildings that are not located downtown is going to be used to pay the rent in the new ADHS building. After twenty-five years the State will own the building
- In July 2003 all outlying offices will be located downtown
- The State Laboratory tested samples of Anthrax but not one tested positive

IV. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

Dr. Sucher introduced Dr. Spaite as a new member of the Council and the Medical Direction Commission.

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. **Membership Update** – Drs. Sucher and Crume sent Dr. Carmona a letter congratulating him on his appointment as the United States Surgeon General. Dr. Carmona has verbally resigned from the Council. Dr. Sucher reported that there are two vacancies on the Council.

- “Representative of a Volunteer Medical Rescue Program”
- “Physician Specializing in Trauma Surgery”

The Bureau is seeking letters of interest for the categories that are expiring at the end of October.

Dr. Sucher introduced Carey Pleasant, the Bureau's new Assistant Attorney General, to the Council.

Dr. Sucher introduced Jerry Ollier, the new EMS Coordinator for the Central Region, to the Council.

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Education Committee** – The Committee met on September 27, 2002. A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Jan Hauk that the EMS Council approve the recommendation made by Education Committee in the agenda packet of October 25, 2002 Item VI A 1 (Paramedic Candidates Failing National Registry Exam Three Times In Succession), VI A 2 (Training Program Inventory), VI A 3 (Criminal History Disclosure), and VI A 4 (Final Exam Template) and submit them to the Department for review and possible acceptance.

Motion carried.

B. **Rules Committee** – The Rules Committee did not meet.

C. **Budget Committee** – The Budget Committee did not meet. Bob Ramsey asked if there are any members that would like to be on the Budget Committee.

D. **Executive Committee** – The EMS Council Executive Committee met on October 4, 2002. The committee recommended forming a work group to look at the issue of diversion as it affects emergency medical services. The Council developed a mission statement and approved changes in the bylaws.

A motion was made by Dave Samuels, seconded by Ed Neville to approve forming a work group of approximately 10 to 12 people representing all of the pertinent areas to look at the issue of diversion. **Motion carried.**

The work group will report monthly to the EMS Council Executive Committee and report each quarter to the EMS Council.

A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Dave Samuels to approve the Emergency Medical Services Council's Executive Committee mission. **Motion carried.**

VII. RULES STATUS REPORT

- A. Chapter 25 Revision** – The rules revision streamlining regulations is ongoing. A core group of 8 people have been brought together to talk about medical direction and general concepts. On October 24, 2002 we gathered an extended group of stakeholders together that are interested in base hospitals. This afternoon we will have the second meeting of stakeholders from training programs coming together. We invited certain people in order to get the perspective of the entire EMS community but this is an open meeting. The upcoming Rules Meetings will be posted on the website. The next meeting will be held on November 18th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Mark Venuti pointed out the need to have better communication in the rules revision process.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Level of Funding of the 2171** – The Business Operations Manager, Betty Yunick, distributed an updated Cash Flow Report of the Fund 2171. The Bureau is already using the money that is in the fund for July 1, 2003. Due to the change in the DUI laws revenue went up nine percent. This will most likely not increase, but level off.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2003 Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Dave Samuels to approve the 2003 meeting schedule. **Motion carried.**

EMS Council meetings will not start until 10:30 or later following the Medical Direction Commission meeting.

- B. Regional EMS/Trauma Systems Development and Planning** – The Arizona Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Plan 2002 – 2005 was distributed at the meeting. The plan was approved by the Director and the Governor. The State Trauma Advisory Board endorsed the plan on October 24, 2002.

Two Task Forces were formed yesterday at the State Trauma Advisory Board. One Task Force will look at how to promote public information and knowledge about the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Plan. The second group will look at the criteria for the various categories of trauma centers. A proposal was made and approved by STAB to recommend to the Director to re-designate the existing trauma level one centers.

The regions have been very involved in the EMS and Trauma System Planning. Pennie Klein and Judi Crume met with all of the regions. The regions have exceeded all expectations. The four regional plans will be combined to create a statewide EMS and Trauma System Plan.

Injury Prevention for the Department of Health Services is now a part of the Bureau of EMS.

The implementation of the Comprehensive EMS and Trauma System Plan is one of the top five accomplishments of the Department of Health Services under the administration of Governor Hull.

- C. Bylaws** – The EMS Council Executive Committee has reviewed the bylaws listed below. The standing committees include the Education Committee, Rules Committee, and Budget Committee, were changed to 11 members and there is now no ending date on the term of membership.

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Dr. Ward to approve the bylaws of EMS Council, EMS Council Executive Committee, Education Committee, Rules Committee, and the Budget Committee.

Motion carried.

- D. EMSCOM Update** – Stephen Powles distributed a reported on Contract No. 05501 reporting requirements, the EMSCOM Project Status Report through October 22, 2002. Listed in the report is the status of each site which will have a new base station radio installed and each hospital location where a control station radio will also be installed. The project date of December 31, 2001 will not be achieved. Many of the sites listed will not be reachable because they are snow sites; therefore, some mountaintop sites with high elevation will need to wait until the spring thaw.

Dr. Kay Lewis asked for a status report of these sites at the April 25, 2003 meeting of the EMS Council.

Item: Contract No. 05501 – Status Report
Follow Up: EMS Council Meeting
When: April 25, 2003

E. Recognition to Douglas Fire Department

1) Manny Ayala, Paramedic – Danny Valenzuela presented Manny Ayala with a certificate for his contributions to the improvement of emergency medical services along the Arizona border with Mexico and for the improvement of emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the neighboring state of Sonora by providing training to members of the Mexican Red Cross.

2) Richard Ross, Fire Chief – Danny Valenzuela asked that Manny Ayala deliver a certificate to the Chief of the Douglas Fire Department, Richard Ross, for his contributions to emergency medical services by reaching beyond and extending a helping hand to our neighbors across the border. The Bureau and the Council expressed their appreciation.

F. Review of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Service Animal Requirements – This was an informational item.

X. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
There was no report given.

XI. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Central** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- B. Southern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The trauma trial dates will be November 11th through the 22nd. In January there will be an election of the new chair and vice chair. Dr. Carmona has resigned as the chair. There is a possibility of losing Kino Hospital in Tucson. The latest recommendation is to turn it into a psychiatric center, but possibly keeping the emergency and urgent care departments open. The council did go on record and submitted it to the board of supervisors to keep the facility open. The new regional trauma committee did meet on October 23, 2002 and Dr. John Porter was elected Chair and Herbert Reynolds was elected Co-Chair of the committee.
- C. Western** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. There will be an Infection Control class held on November 2 – 3 in Bullhead City, Arizona.
- D. Northern** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The Northern Region met on October 4, 2002 and reviewed the draft of the Regional EMS and Trauma Plan. The final draft will be reviewed at the next council meeting. The Statewide Mutual Air Plan will impact the EMS services and is moving forward. The aim is to be able to have help to an area that needs help within an hour.

XII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Sucher made a call to the public. Brian Smith requested a list of committee vacancies for EMS Council. He asked if appointments to the Council were made by the Governor. An appointment is submitted first to the Director and then to the Governor. The Bureau looks at all interested individuals for prospective appointments that fit the criteria. Only one submission is sent to the Governor for that particular category.

XIII. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Annual EMS Odyssey Conference will be held June 19 – 20, 2003 at the Embassy Suites.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held January 24, 2003.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Approved by EMS Council on 1/24/03